

Survivor says Jones wanted Ryan to die

GEORGETOWN (AP) — A survivor of the mass murder-suicides at the Peoples Temple commune said Friday that cult leader Jim Jones called for the death of U.S. Representative Leo Ryan before the congressman visited the settlement and was murdered.

Harold Cordell, 42, of Redwood Valley, Calif., made the statement under cross-examination during a hearing to determine if there is sufficient evidence to order Larry Layton, 32, of San Francisco, to stand trial for murder.

Layton is charged with murder in the killings of Ryan and four other persons, including defecting cult member Patricia Parks. They were shot to death Nov. 18 at the Port Kaituma airstrip after leaving the Peoples Temple settlement in Jonestown.

Jones and more than 900 other members of the cult died by poison or shooting within hours of the attack on Ryan's party.

Cordell said that at pub-

lic meetings in Jonestown before Ryan arrived he had heard Jones say the congressman's "plane might fall from the sky."

Under further questioning by defence lawyer Rex McKay, Cordell also said Jones told a meeting a week before Ryan visited Jonestown that "somebody should shoot Ryan."

Previous witnesses had said Jones made a statement about Ryan's plane crashing, but they said he made the remark after Ryan and his party left Jonestown for Port Kaituma several kilometres away.

McKay questioned Cordell's testimony, saying other witnesses had not reported Jones saying Ryan should be shot and Cordell made no mention of the remark in his official statement to police.

Another witness, 45-year-old Gerald Parks of Ukiah, Calif., the husband of Patricia Parks, said he had not heard anyone at Jonestown threaten to shoot Ryan or say the con-

gressman should be shot.

McCay has drawn testimony from witnesses that Layton was inside a small plane with Mrs. Parks, Cordell and two cult defectors at Port Kaituma when killers aboard a tractor-drawn trailer opened fire on Ryan and his party beside a second plane.

Sources said Wednesday Layton has given police a statement saying he boarded the first plane by mistake because his plan was to cause Ryan's chartered aircraft to crash.

Parks testified Wednesday that when the persons on the trailer opened fire, Layton began shooting at those aboard the plane with him.

The hearing was adjourned until Wednesday.

Another cult member, Charles Beikman, 43, of Indianapolis, Ind., has been charged with killing four temple members at the cult's office in Georgetown after the Jonestown deaths. The hearing to determine if he should stand trial is to resume Monday.